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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I want to encourage the Department of Energy to recommend to President Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation. Extensive study and scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance. Transportation is not a risky issue. Compared to transporting chemicals and petrochemical products, nuclear waste movement is an extremely safe activity.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,
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